



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steven G. Smarsh, et al.

Serial No.: 09/720,576

Examiner: Eileen P. Morgan

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Group Art Unit: 3723

Title: "GRINDING MACHINE, COMPUTER SOFTWARE TO OPERATE SUCH A MACHINE, AND THEIR USES THEREFOR"

Mail Stop Amendment Fee
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and objections and solicit an early allowance of claims 3, 4, 6-8 and 11 for the reasons discussed below. (A one-month extension of time has been included herein.)

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8)

Date of Deposit with U.S. Postal Service: May 16, 2005

I hereby certify that the following attached papers and/or fee are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as First-Class mail on the date indicated above and is addressed to "Mail Stop Amendment Fee, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450".

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Signature